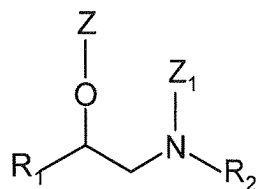


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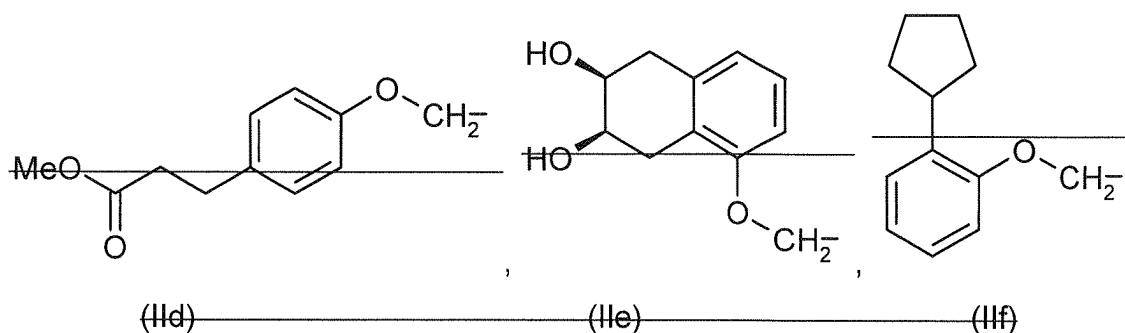
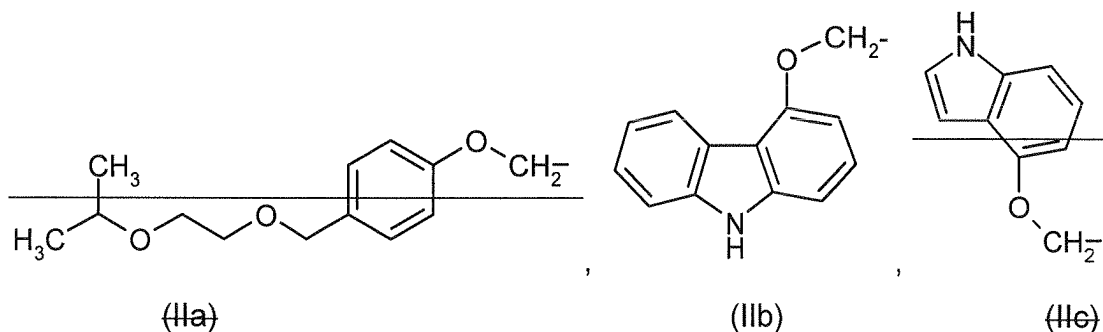
1. (Currently Amended) A compound of general formula A-(Y-ONO₂)_s (I) and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein
- s is an integer equal to 1 or 2;
- A is selected from the following β -adrenergic blockers residues of formula (II):

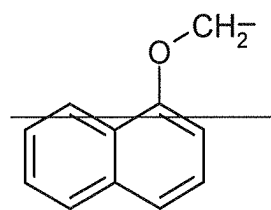


(II)

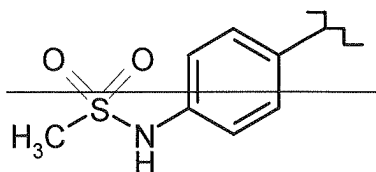
wherein

~~R₁ is selected from the group consisting of:~~

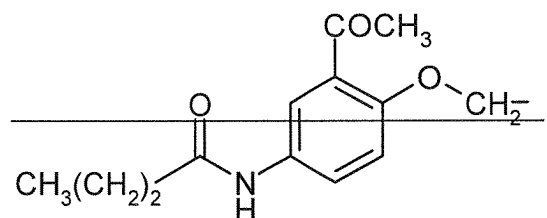




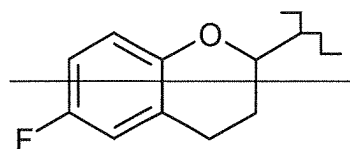
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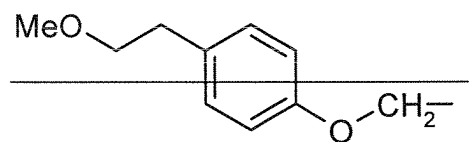
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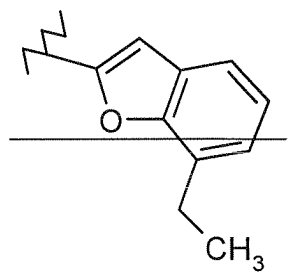
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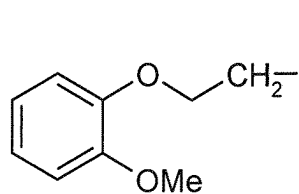


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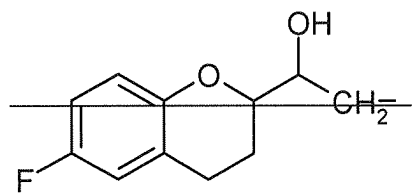


(IIIn)

R_2 is selected from the group consisting of: $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ or



(IIIa)



(IIIb)

when the radical R_4 has chosen from the formulae (IIa), (IIc), (IIe), (IIg), (IIh), (IIIi), (IIIm), R_2 is $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$

when the radical R_1 has been chosen from the formulae (IIe), (IIf) or (IIg), R_2 is

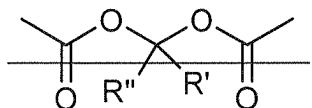


when R_1 is the radical (IIb), R_2 is (IIIa);

when R_1 is the radical (IIc), R_2 is (IIIb);

Z is H or is a group capable of binding Y selected from the group consisting of:

$-C(O)-$, $-C(O)O-$ or



wherein R' and R'' are the same or different, and are H or straight or branched

C_1 - C_4 alkyl;

Z_1 is H or a $-C(O)-$ group capable of binding Y;

with the proviso that when s of formula (I) is 1, Z or Z_1 is H;

Y is a bivalent radical having the following meaning:

a)

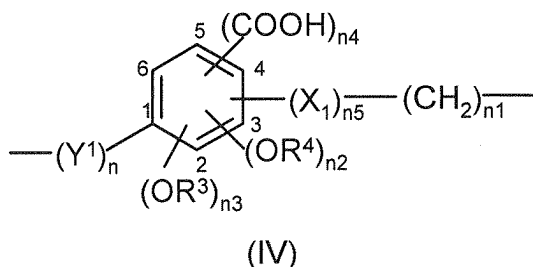
- straight or branched C_1 - C_{20} alkylene being optionally substituted with one or more of the substituents selected from the group consisting of: halogen atoms, hydroxy, $-ONO_2$ or T, wherein T is $-OC(O)(C_1-C_{10}alkyl)-ONO_2$, $-O(C_1-C_{10}alkyl)-ONO_2$;

[[b)]]

- cycloalkylene with 5 to 7 carbon atoms into cycloalkylene ring, the ring being optionally substituted with side chains T_4 , wherein T_4 is straight or branched alkyl with from 1 to 10 carbon atoms;

[[c)]]

b)



wherein:

n is an integer from 0 to 20,

n1 is an integer from 1 to 20;

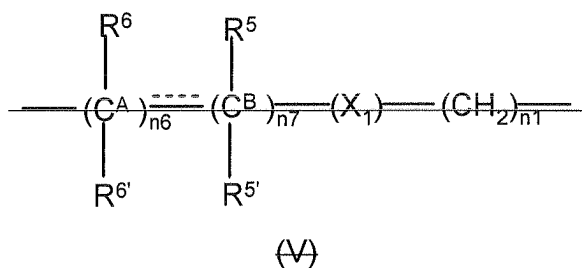
n2, n3, n4 and n5 are integers equal or different from each other, equal to 0 or 1,

R³ and R⁴ are independently selected from H or CH₃,

Y¹ is -CH₂- or -(CH₂)_{na}-CH=CH- wherein na is an integer from 0 to 20;

X₁ is -WC(O)- or -C(O)W-, wherein W is oxygen, sulfur or NH;

d)



wherein:

~~n1 n1 is an integer from 1 to 20~~

~~X₁ is -WC(O)- or -C(O)W-, wherein W is oxygen, sulfur or NH;~~

~~n6 is an integer from 1 to 20,~~

~~n7 is an integer from 0 to 20,~~

~~R⁵, R^{5'}, R⁶ and R^{6'} are independently selected from the group consisting of: H,~~

~~CH₃, OH, NH₂, NHCOCH₃, COOH, CH₂SH and C(CH₃)₂SH;~~

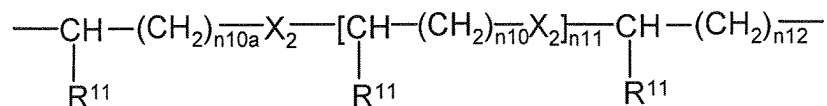
~~when the bond between the C^A and C^B carbons is a double bond R⁵ and R⁶ or~~

~~R^{6'} and R^{5'} are absent;~~

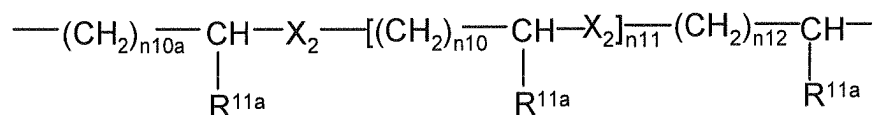
when Y is selected from the bivalent radicals mentioned under e)-d) b), the –
ONO₂ group is linked to the –(CH₂)_{n1}- group;

[[e)]]

c)



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wherein

X₂ is O or S,

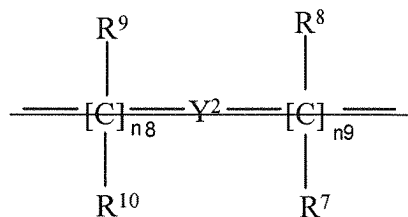
n10a, n10 and n12 are integer independently selected from 0 to 20,

n11 is an integer from 0 to 6;

R¹¹ is H, CH₃ or nitrooxy group;

R^{11a} is CH₃ or nitrooxy group;

f)



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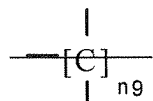
wherein:

~~n8 is an integer from 0 to 10;~~

~~n9 is an integer from 1 to 10;~~

~~R⁹, R¹⁰, R⁸, R⁷ are the same or different, and are H or straight or branched C₁-C₄ alkyl;~~

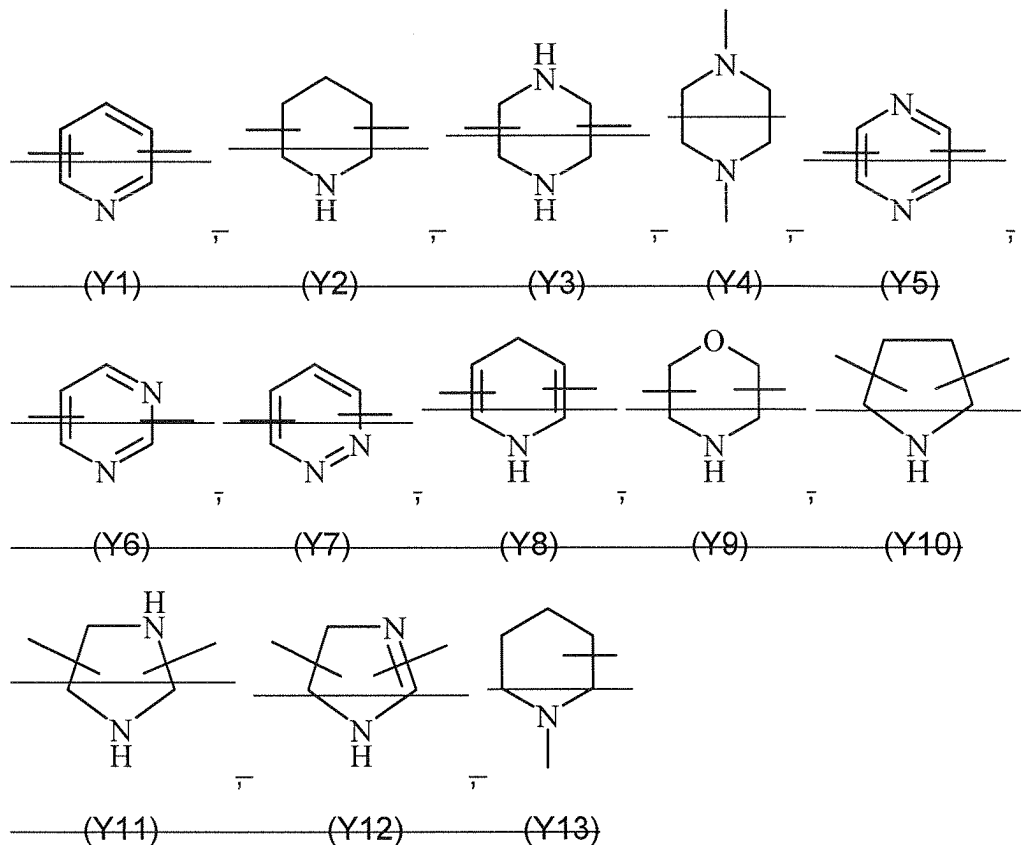
~~wherein the —ONO₂ group is linked to~~



~~wherein n9 is as defined above;~~

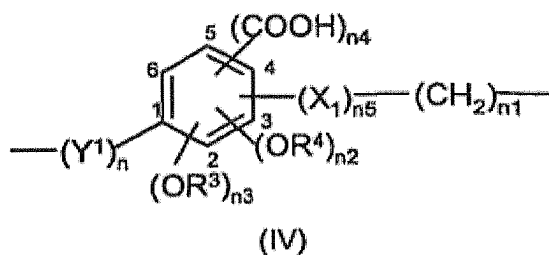
~~Y² is an heterocyclic saturated, unsaturated or aromatic 5 or 6 members ring, containing one or more heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, oxygen, sulfur,~~

~~and is selected from the group consisting of:~~



and wherein (Y-ONO₂)_s bonds with Z and/or Z1 of formula (II).

2. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 1 wherein s is 2 and Z and Z₁ are -C(O)-.
3. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 2 wherein Y is a straight or branched C₁-C₂₀ alkylene being optionally substituted with one or more of the substituents selected from the group consisting of: halogen atoms, hydroxy, -ONO₂ or T, wherein T is -OC(O)(C₁-C₁₀alkyl)-ONO₂, -O(C₁-C₁₀alkyl)-ONO₂.
4. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 3 wherein Y is a straight or branched C₁-C₁₀ alkylene.
5. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 2 wherein Y is



wherein

n is an integer from 0 to 20,

n₁ is an integer from 1 to 20;

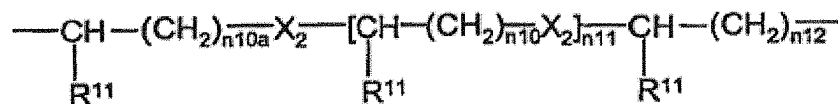
n₂, n₃, n₄ and n₅ are integers equal or different from each other, equal to 0 or 1;

R³ and R⁴ are independently selected from H or CH₃;

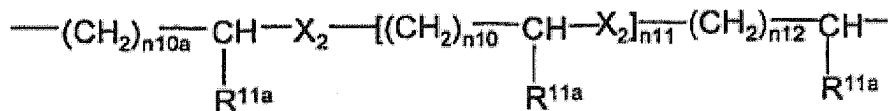
Y^1 is $-\text{CH}_2-$ or $-(\text{CH}_2)_{n_a}-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$ wherein n_a is an integer from 0 to 20;

X_1 is $-\text{WC}(\text{O})-$ or $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{W}-$, wherein W is oxygen, sulfur or NH.

6. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 5 wherein n_2, n_3, n_4, n_5 are equal to 0,
 n_1 is 1,
 n is an integer from 0 to 10,
 Y^1 is CH_2 .
7. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 5 wherein n, n_2, n_5 are 1,
 n_3 and n_4 are equal to 0, and
 n_1 is an integer from 1 to 10,
 Y^1 is $-(\text{CH}_2)_{n_a}-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$ wherein n_a is 0,
 X_1 is $-\text{WC}(\text{O})-$ wherein W is oxygen and X_1 is bound to the phenyl ring through the $[\text{C}]_4$,
 R^4 is CH_3 and the group (OR^4) is bound to the phenyl ring through the $[\text{C}]_3$.
8. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 2 wherein Y is



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wherein

X₂ is O or S,

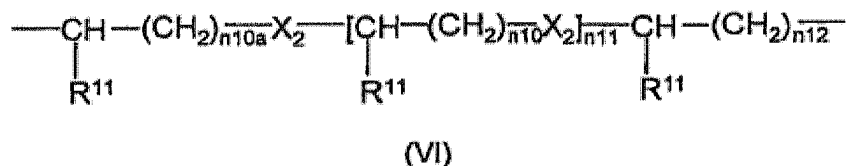
n_{10a}, n₁₀ and n₁₂ are integers independently selected from 0 to 20;

n₁₁ is an integer from 0 to 6;

R¹¹ is H, CH₃ or a nitrooxy group;

R^{11a} is CH₃ or a nitrooxy group.

9. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 8 wherein Y is



wherein

X₂ is O or S,

n_{10a} is an integer from 0 to 10

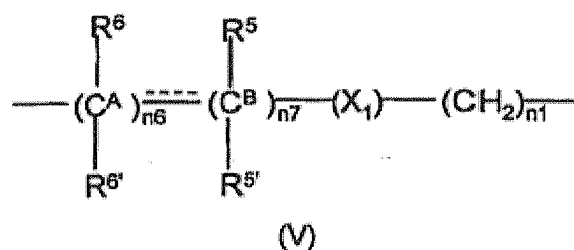
n₁₁ are 0,

n₁₂ is an integer from 1 to 10,

R¹¹ is H or a nitrooxy group;

wherein the -ONO₂ group is bound to the -(CH₂)_{n₁₂}- group.

10. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 2 wherein Y is



wherein:

n1 is an integer from 1 to 20;

X₁ is –WC(O)– or a –C(O)W–, wherein W is oxygen, sulfur or NH.

n6 is an integer from 1 to 20,

n7 is an integer from 0 to 20,

R⁵, R^{5'}, R⁶ and R^{6'} are independently selected from the group consisting of: H, CH₃, OH, NH₂, NHCOCH₃, COOH, CH₂SH and C(CH₃)₂SH;

when the bond between the C^A and C^B carbons is a double bond R⁵ and R⁶ or R^{6'} and R^{5'} are absent.

11. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 10 wherein

n1 is an integer from 1 to 10,

n6 and n7 are 1;

X₁ is –WC(O)– wherein W is sulfur;

R⁵, R^{5'} and R^{6'} are H,

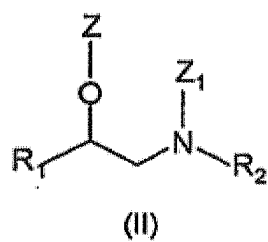
R⁶ is NHCOCH₃;

with the proviso that the –ONO₂ group is bound to the –(CH₂)_{n1}– group.

12. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 1 wherein

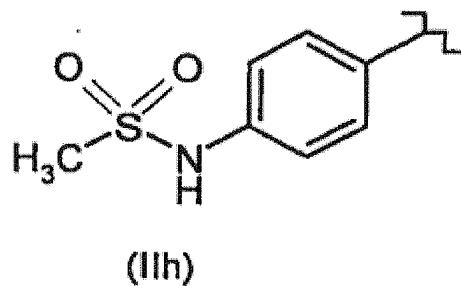
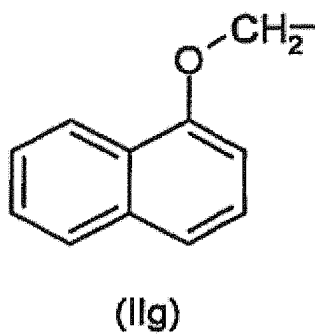
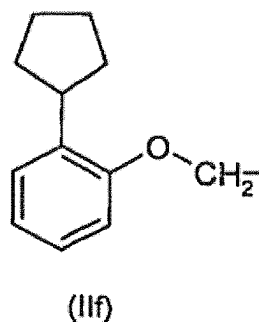
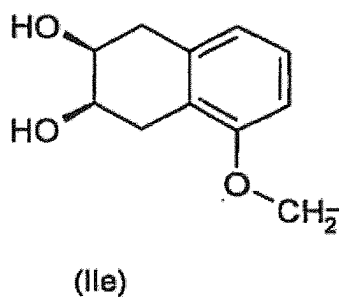
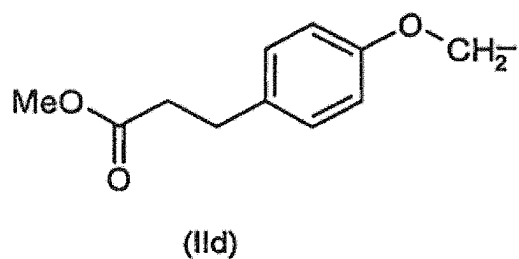
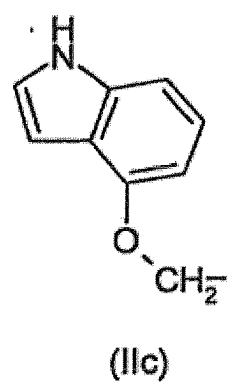
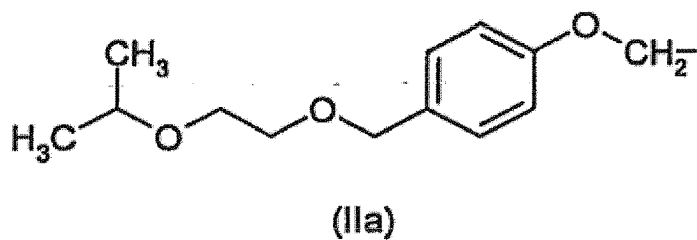
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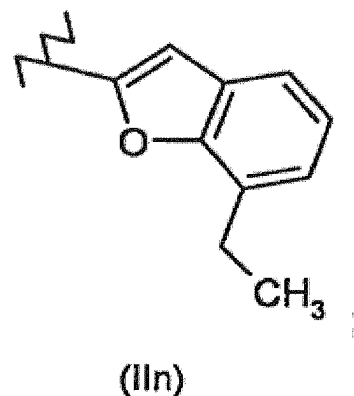
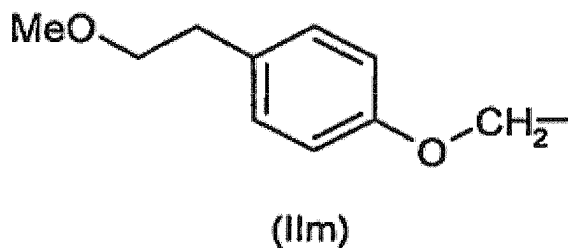
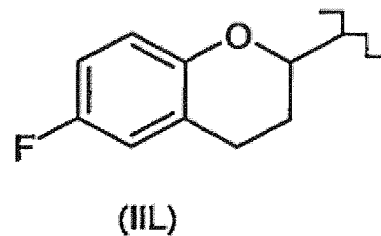
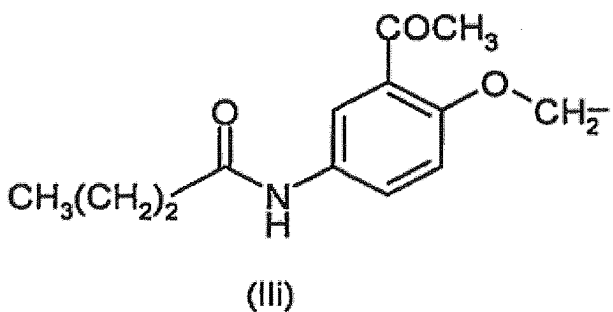
A is selected from the following β-adrenergic blockers residues of formula (II):



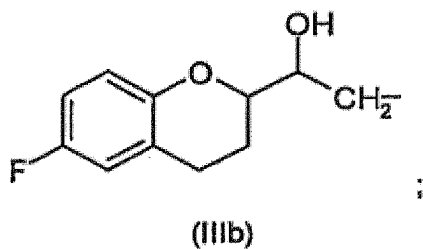
wherein

R₁ is selected from the group consisting of:





R_2 is selected from the group consisting of: $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$, $-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ or

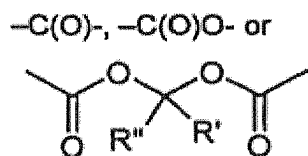


when the radical R_1 has chosen from the formulae (IIa), (IIc), (IId), (IIg), (IIh), (IIi), (IIIm), R_2 is $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$;

when the radical R_1 has chosen from the formulae (IIe), (IIf) or (IIIn), R_2 is $-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$;

when R_1 is the radical (IIl), R_2 is (IIIb);

Z is a group capable of binding Y selected from the group consisting of:

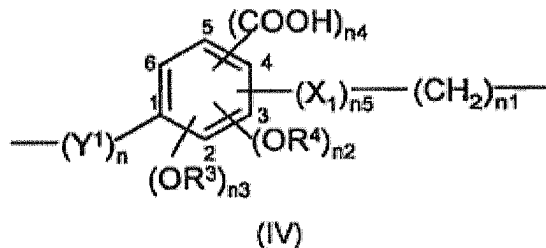


wherein R' and R'' are the same or different, and are H or straight or branched C₁-C₄ alkyl;

Z₁ is H and

Y is a bivalent radical having the following meanings:

c)



wherein:

n is an integer from 0 to 20,

n₁ is an integer from 1 to 20;

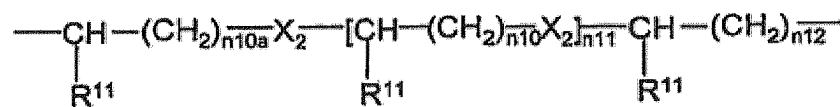
n₂, n₃, n₄ and n₅ are integers equal or different from each other, equal to 0 or 1,

R³ and R⁴ are independently selected from H or CH₃,

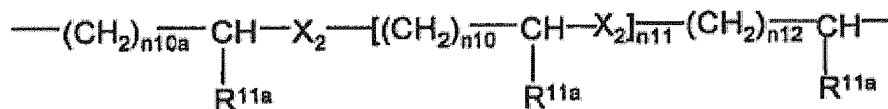
Y¹ is $-\text{CH}_2-$ or $-(\text{CH}_2)_{n_a}-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$ wherein n_a is an integer from 0 to 20;

X₁ is $-\text{WC}(\text{O})-$ or $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{W}-$, wherein W is oxygen, sulfur or NH;

e)



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wherein

X₂ is O or S,

n_{10a} is 0 or 1,

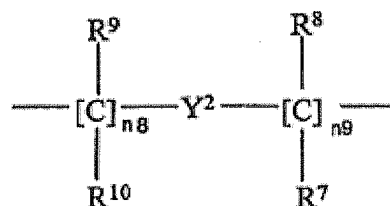
n₁₁ is 0 or 1,

n₁₀ and n₁₂ is 1 or 2,

R¹¹ is H, CH₃ or nitrooxy group;

R^{11a} is CH₃ or nitrooxy group;

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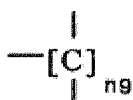
wherein:

n₈ is an integer from 0 to 10;

n₉ is an integer from 1 to 10;

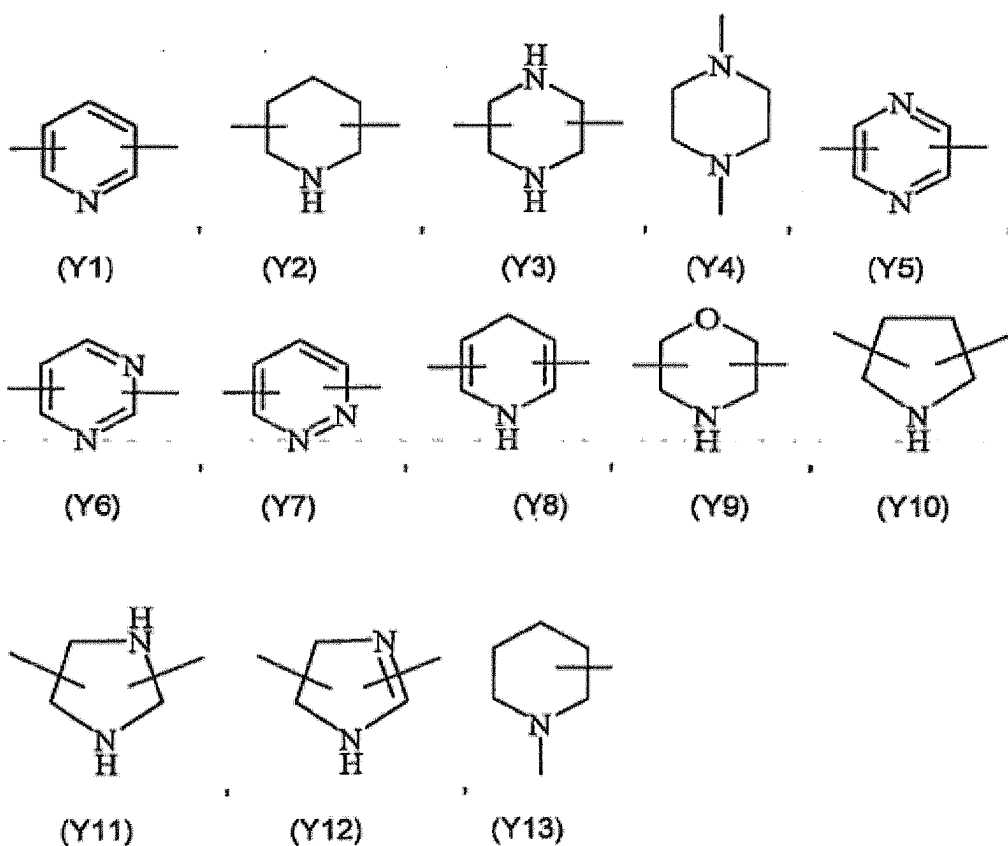
R⁹, R¹⁰, R⁸, R⁷ are the same or different, and are H or straight or branched C₁-C₄ alkyl;

wherein the -ONO₂ group is linked to



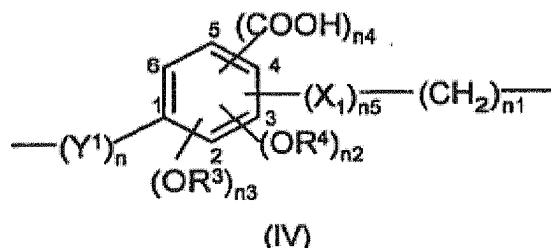
wherein n9 is as defined above;

Y² is an heterocyclic saturated, unsaturated or aromatic 5 or 6 members ring, containing one or more heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, oxygen, sulfur, and is selected from the group consisting of:



13. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 12 wherein Z is -C(O)-.

14. (Withdrawn) A compound and enantiomers and diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claims 12 and 13 wherein Y is



wherein

n is an integer from 0 to 20, and n₁ is an integer from 1 to 20;

n₂, n₃, n₄ and n₅ are integers equal or different from one another, equal to 0 or 1;

R³ and R⁴ are independently selected from H or CH₃;

Y¹ is -CH₂- or -(CH₂)_{na}-CH=CH- wherein na is an integer from 0 to 20;

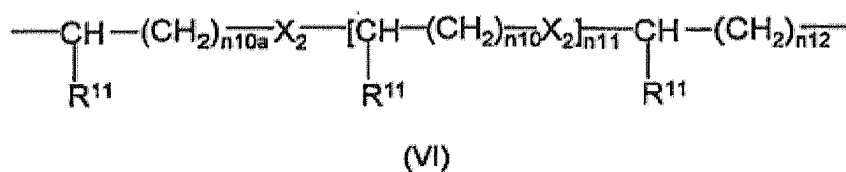
X₁ is -WC(O)- or -C(O)W-, wherein W is oxygen, sulfur or NH.

15. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 14 wherein
n₂, n₃, n₄, n₅ are equal to 0,
n₁ is 1,
n is an integer from 0 to 10,
Y¹ is CH₂.
16. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 14 wherein
n, n₂, n₅ are 1,
n₃ and n₄ are equal to 0,
n₁ is an integer from 1 to 10,
Y¹ is -(CH₂)_{na}-CH=CH- wherein na is 0,

X_1 is $-WC(O)-$ wherein W is oxygen and X_1 is bound to the phenyl ring through the $[C]_4$,

R^4 is CH_3 and the (OR^4) group is bound to the phenyl ring through the $[C]_3$.

17. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claims 12 and 13 wherein Y is



wherein

X_2 is O or S,

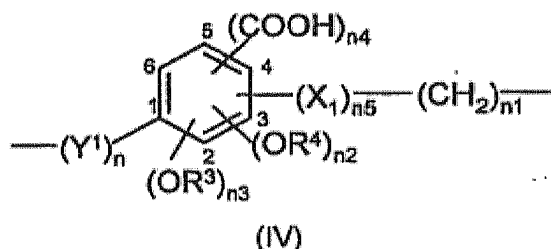
$n10a$ and $n11$ are 0,

$n12$ is 1,

R^{11} is H;

wherein the $-ONO_2$ group is bound to the $-(CH_2)_{n12}-$ group.

18. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 12 wherein Z is $-C(O)O-$.
19. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claims 12 and 18 wherein Y is



wherein

n is an integer from 0 to 20, and n₁ is an integer from 1 to 20;

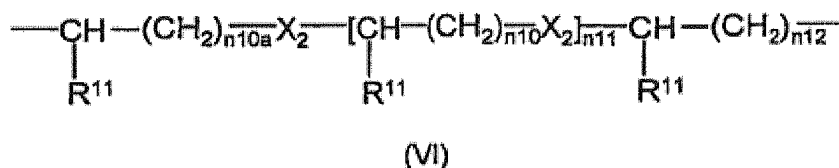
n₂, n₃, n₄ and n₅ are integers equal or different from one another, equal to 0 or 1;

R³ and R⁴ are independently selected from H or CH₃;

Y¹ is -CH₂- or -(CH₂)_{na}-CH=CH- wherein n_a is an integer from 0 to 20;

X₁ is -WC(O)- or -C(O)W-, wherein W is oxygen, sulfur or NH.

20. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 19 wherein n₂, n₃, n₄, n₅ are equal to 0, n₁ is 1, n is an integer from 0 to 10, Y¹ is CH₂.
21. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claims 12 and 18 wherein Y is



wherein

X₂ is O or S,

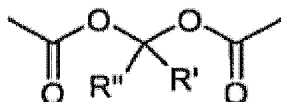
n10a and n11 are 0,

n12 is 1,

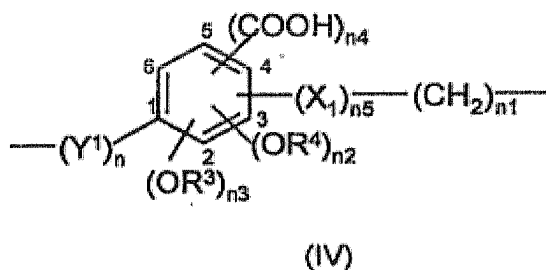
R¹¹ is H;

wherein the -ONO₂ group is bound to the -(CH₂)_{n12}- group.

22. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claims 12 wherein Z is



23. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claims 12 and 22 wherein Y is



wherein

n is an integer from 0 to 20,

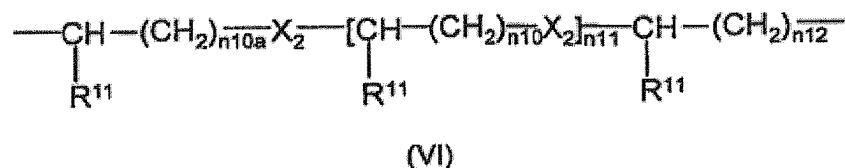
n1 is an integer from 1 to 20;

n2, n3, n4 and n5 are equal to 0;

Y¹ is -CH₂-;

24. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 23 wherein n is 0 and n1 is 1.

25. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claims 12 and 22 wherein Y is



wherein

X₂ is O or S,

n10a and n11 are 0,

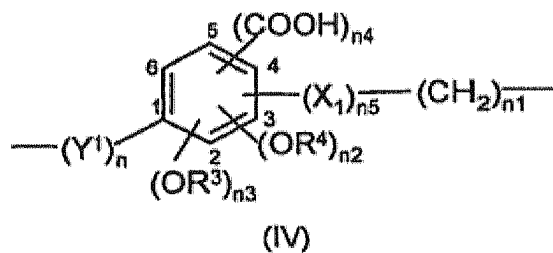
n12 is 1,

R¹¹ is H;

wherein the -ONO₂ group is bound to the -(CH₂)_{n12}- group.

26. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 1 wherein s is 1, Z is H and Z₁ are -C(O)-.
27. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 26 wherein Y is a straight or branched C₁- C₂₀ alkylene being optionally substituted with one or more of the substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atoms, hydroxy, -ONO₂ or T, wherein T is -OC(O)(C₁- C₁₀alkyl)-ONO₂, -O(C₁-C₁₀alkyl)-ONO₂.
28. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 27 wherein Y is a straight or branched C₁-C₁₀ alkylene.

29. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 26 wherein Y is



wherein

n is an integer from 0 to 20,

n₁ is an integer from 1 to 20;

n₂, n₃, n₄ and n₅ are integers equal or different from each other, equal to 0 or 1;

R³ and R⁴ are independently selected from H or CH₃;

Y¹ is -CH₂- or -(CH₂)_{na}-CH=CH- wherein na is an integer from 0 to 20;

X₁ is -WC(O)- or -C(O)W-, wherein W is oxygen, sulfur or NH.

30. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 29 wherein

n₂, n₃, n₄, n₅ are equal to 0,

n₁ is 1,

n is an integer from 0 to 10,

Y¹ is CH₂.

31. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 29 wherein

n, n₂, n₅ are 1,

n₃ and n₄ are equal to 0,

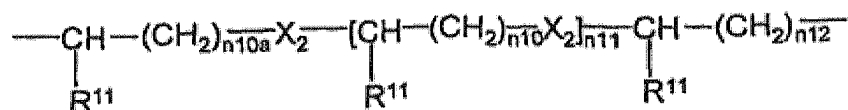
n₁ is an integer from 1 to 10,

Y¹ is -(CH₂)_{na}-CH=CH- wherein na is 0,

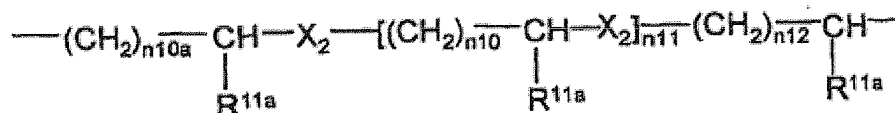
X_1 is $-WC(O)-$ wherein W is oxygen and X_1 is bound to the phenyl ring through the $[C]_4$,

R^4 is CH_3 and the group (OR^4) is bound to the phenyl ring through the $[C]_3$.

32. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 26 wherein Y is



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wherein

X_2 is O or S,

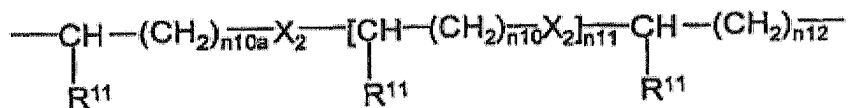
$n10a$, $n10$ and $n12$ are integers independently selected from 0 to 20;

$n11$ is an integer from 0 to 6;

R^{11} is H, CH_3 or a nitrooxy group;

R^{11a} is CH_3 or a nitrooxy group.

33. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 32 wherein Y is



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wherein

X₂ is O or S,

n_{10a} is 0 or 1,

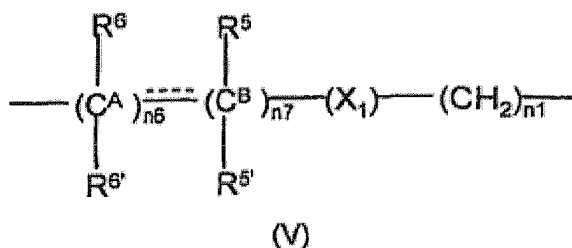
n₁₁ is 0 or 1,

n₁₀ and n₁₂ are 1 or 2,

R¹¹ is H or nitrooxy;

wherein the -ONO₂ group is bound to the -(CH₂)_{n₁₂}- group.

34. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 26 wherein Y is



wherein:

n₁ is an integer from 1 to 20;

X₁ is -WC(O)- or a -C(O)W-, wherein W is oxygen, sulfur or NH.

n₆ is an integer from 1 to 20,

n₇ is an integer from 0 to 20,

R⁵ and R^{5'} R⁶ and R^{6'} are independently selected from the group consisting of: H, CH₃, OH, NH₂, NHCOCH₃, COOH, CH₂SH and C(CH₃)₂SH;

when the bond between the C^A and C^B carbons is a double bond R⁵ and R⁶ or R^{6'} and R^{5'} are absent.

35. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 34 wherein n₁ is an integer from 1 to 10,

n6 and n7 are 1;

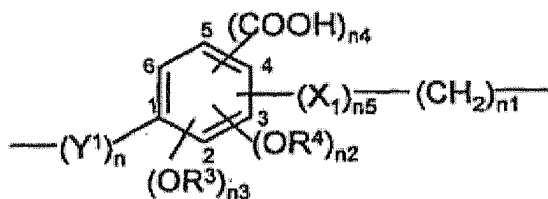
X₁ is -WC(O)- wherein W is sulfur;

R⁵, R^{5'} and R^{6'} are H,

R⁶ is NHCOCH₃;

with the proviso that the -ONO₂ group is bound to the -(CH₂)_{n1}-.

36. (Canceled).
37. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim and 36 wherein s is 2 and Z and Z₁ are -C(O)-.
38. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 37 wherein Y is a straight or branched C₁-C₂₀ alkylene being optionally substituted with one or more of the substituents selected from the group consisting of: halogen atoms, hydroxy, -ONO₂ or T, wherein T is -OC(O)(C₁-C₁₀alkyl)-ONO₂, -O(C₁-C₁₀alkyl)-ONO₂.
39. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 38 wherein Y is a straight or branched C₃-C₆ alkylene.
40. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 37 wherein Y is



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wherein

n is an integer from 0 to 20,

n1 is an integer from 1 to 20;

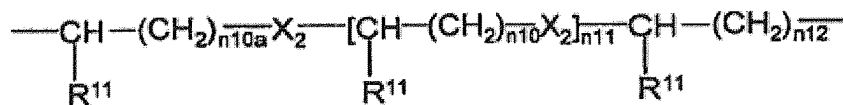
n2, n3, n4 and n5 are integers equal or different from each other, equal to 0 or 1;

R³ and R⁴ are independently selected from H or CH₃;

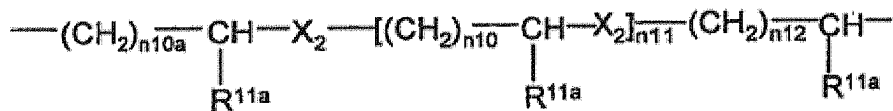
Y¹ is -CH₂- or -(CH₂)_{na}-CH=CH- wherein na is an integer from 0 to 20;

X₁ is -WC(O)- or -C(O)W-, wherein W is oxygen, sulfur or NH.

41. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 40 wherein
n2, n3, n4, n5 are equal to 0,
n1 is 1,
n is an integer from 0 to 10,
Y¹ is CH₂.
42. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 40 wherein
n, n2, n5 are 1,
n3 and n4 are equal to 0, and
n1 is an integer from 1 to 10,
Y¹ is -(CH₂)_{na}-CH=CH- wherein na is 0,
X₁ is -WC(O)- wherein W is oxygen and X₁ is bound to the phenyl ring through the [C]₄,
R⁴ is CH₃ and the group (OR⁴) is bound to the phenyl ring through the [C]₃.
43. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 37 wherein
Y is



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wherein

X₂ is O or S,

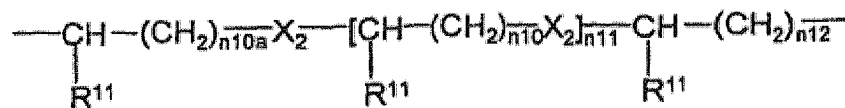
n10a, n10 and n12 are integers independently selected from 0 to 20;

n11 is an integer from 0 to 6;

R¹¹ is H, CH₃ or a nitrooxy group;

R^{11a} is CH₃ or a nitrooxy group.

44. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 43 wherein Y is



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wherein

X₂ is O or S,

n10a is an integer from 0 to 10

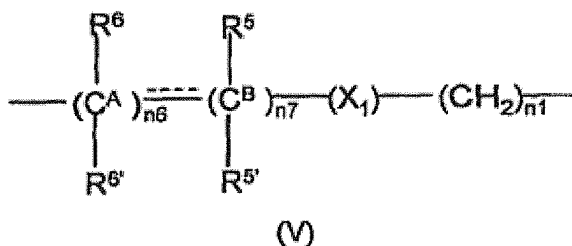
n11 are 0,

n12 is an integer from 1 to 10,

R¹¹ is H or a nitrooxy group;

wherein the -ONO₂ group is bound to the -(CH₂)_{n12}- group.

45. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 37 wherein Y is



wherein:

n1 is an integer from 1 to 20;

X₁ is --WC(O)-- or a --C(O)W-- , wherein W is oxygen, sulfur or NH.

n6 is an integer from 1 to 20,

n7 is an integer from 0 to 20,

R⁵, R^{5'}, R⁶ and R^{6'} are independently selected from the group consisting of: H, CH₃, OH, NH₂, NHCOCH₃, COOH, CH₂SH and C(CH₃)₂SH;

when the bond between the C^A and C^B carbons is a double bond R⁵ and R⁶ or R^{6'} and R^{5'} are absent.

46. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 45 wherein

n1 is an integer from 1 to 10,

n6 and n7 are 1;

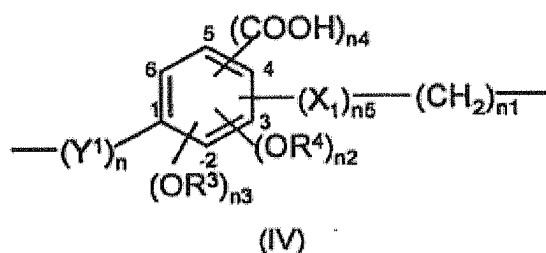
X₁ is --WC(O)-- wherein W is sulfur;

R⁵, R^{5'} and R^{6'} are H,

R⁶ is NHCOCH₃;

with the proviso that the --ONO_2 group is bound to the $\text{--(CH}_2\text{)}_{\text{n}1}\text{--}$ group.

47. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 36 wherein s is 1, Z is H and Z₁ are -C(O)-.
48. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 47 wherein Y is a straight or branched C₁-C₂₀ alkylene being optionally substituted with one or more of the substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atoms, hydroxy, -ONO₂ or T, wherein T is -OC(O)(C₁-C₁₀alkyl)-ONO₂, -O(C₁-C₁₀alkyl)-ONO₂.
49. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 48 wherein Y is a straight or branched C₁-C₁₀ alkylene.
50. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 47 wherein Y is



wherein

n is an integer from 0 to 20,

n₁ is an integer from 1 to 20;

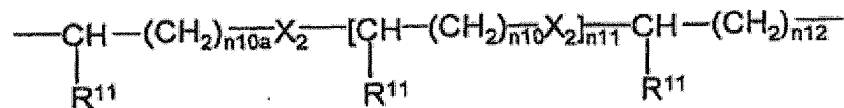
n₂, n₃, n₄ and n₅ are integers equal or different from each other, equal to 0 or 1;

R³ and R⁴ are independently selected from H or CH₃;

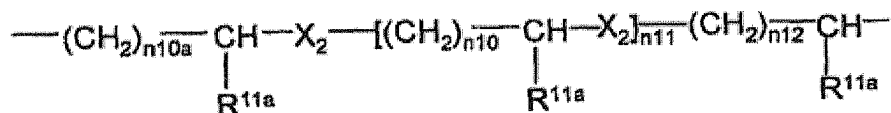
Y^1 is $-CH_2-$ or $-(CH_2)_{n_a}-CH=CH-$ wherein n_a is an integer from 0 to 20;

X_1 is $-WC(O)-$ or $-C(O)W-$, wherein W is oxygen, sulfur or NH.

51. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 50 wherein n_2, n_3, n_4, n_5 are equal to 0,
 n_1 is 1,
 n is an integer from 0 to 10,
 Y^1 is CH_2 .
52. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 50 wherein n, n_2, n_5 are 1, n_3 and n_4 are equal to 0,
 n_1 is an integer from 1 to 10,
 Y^1 is $-(CH_2)_{n_a}-CH=CH-$ wherein n_a is 0,
 X_1 is $-WC(O)-$ wherein W is oxygen and X_1 is bound to the phenyl ring through the $[C]_4$,
 R^4 is CH_3 and the group (OR^4) is bound to the phenyl ring through the $[C]_3$.
53. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 47 wherein Y is



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wherein

X₂ is O or S,

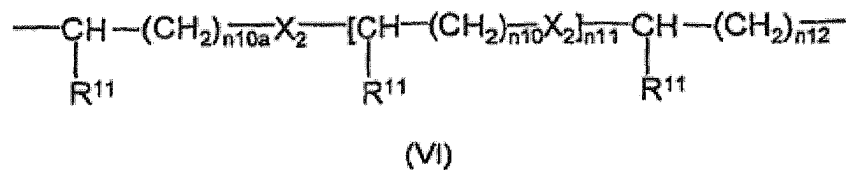
n_{10a}, n₁₀ and n₁₂ are integers independently selected from 0 to 20;

n₁₁ is an integer from 0 to 6;

R¹¹ is H, CH₃ or a nitrooxy group;

R^{11a} is CH₃ or a nitrooxy group.

54. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 53 wherein Y is



wherein

X₂ is O or S,

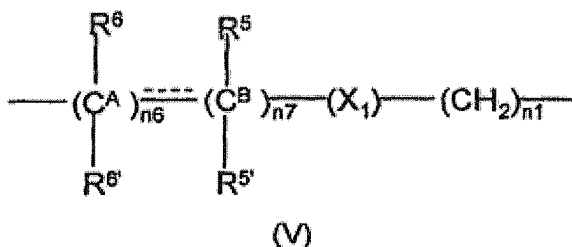
n_{10a} and n₁₁ are 0,

n₁₂ is 1,

R¹¹ is H;

wherein the -ONO₂ group is bound to the -(CH₂)_{n₁₂}- group.

55. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 47 wherein Y is



wherein:

n1 is an integer from 1 to 20;

X₁ is –WC(O)– or a –C(O)W–, wherein W is oxygen, sulfur or NH.

n6 is an integer from 1 to 20,

n7 is an integer from 0 to 20,

R⁵ and R^{5'} R⁵ and R^{6'} are independently selected from the group consisting of: H, CH₃, OH, NH₂, NHCOCH₃, COOH, CH₂SH and C(CH₃)₂SH;

when the bond between the C^A and C^B carbons is a double bond R⁵ and R⁶ or R^{6'} and R^{5'} are absent.

56. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 55 wherein

n1 is an integer from 1 to 10,

n6 and n7 are 1;

X₁ is –WC(O)– wherein W is sulfur;

R⁵, R^{5'} and R^{6'} are H,

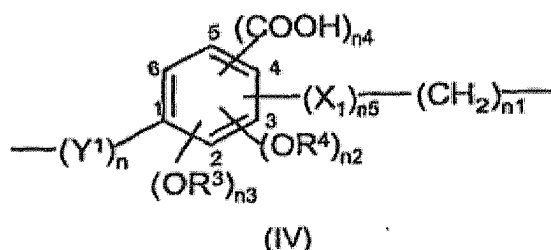
R⁶ is NHCOCH₃;

with the proviso that the –ONO₂ group is bound to the –(CH₂)_{n1}–.

57. (Canceled).

58. (Currently Amended) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim [[57]] 1 wherein Y is a straight or branched C₁-C₂₀ alkylene being optionally substituted with one or more of the substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atoms, hydroxy, –ONO₂ or T, wherein T is –OC(O)(C₁-C₁₀alkyl)-ONO₂, –O(C₁-C₁₀alkyl)-ONO₂.

59. (Previously Presented) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 58 wherein Y is a straight or branched C₃-C₆ alkylene.
60. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 57 wherein Y is



wherein

n is an integer from 0 to 20,

n₁ is an integer from 1 to 20;

n₂, n₃, n₄ and n₅ are integers equal or different from each other, equal to 0 or 1;

R³ and R⁴ are independently selected from H or CH₃;

Y¹ is -CH₂- or -(CH₂)_{na}-CH=CH- wherein n_a is an integer from 0 to 20;

X₁ is -WC(O)- or -C(O)W-, wherein W is oxygen, sulfur or NH.

61. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 60 wherein
n₂, n₃, n₄, n₅ are equal to 0,
n₁ is 1,
n is an integer from 0 to 10,
Y¹ is CH₂.

62. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 60 wherein

n, n2, n5 are 1, n3 and n4 are equal to 0,

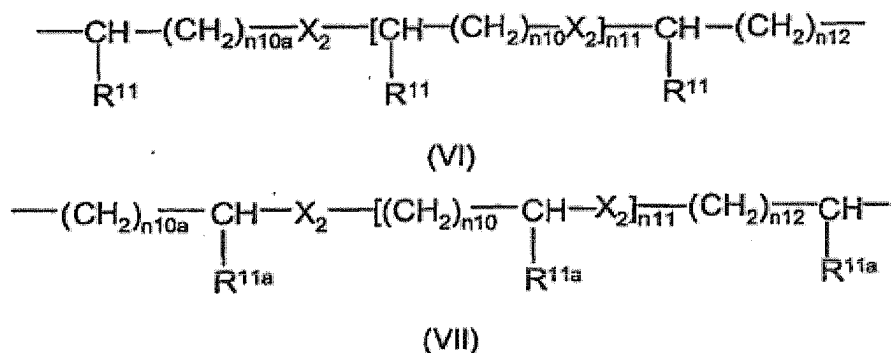
n1 is an integer from 1 to 10,

Y¹ is $-(CH_2)_{n_a}-CH=CH-$ wherein n_a is 0,

X₁ is $-WC(O)-$ wherein W is oxygen and X₁ is bound to the phenyl ring through the [C]₄,

R⁴ is CH₃ and the group (OR⁴) is bound to the phenyl ring through the [C]₃.

63. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 57 wherein Y is



wherein

X₂ is O or S,

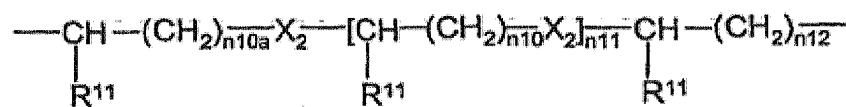
n_{10a}, n₁₀ and n₁₂ are integers independently selected from 0 to 20;

n₁₁ is an integer from 0 to 6;

R¹¹ is H, CH₃ or a nitrooxy group;

R^{11a} is CH₃ or a nitrooxy group.

64. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 63 wherein Y is



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wherein

X₂ is O or S,

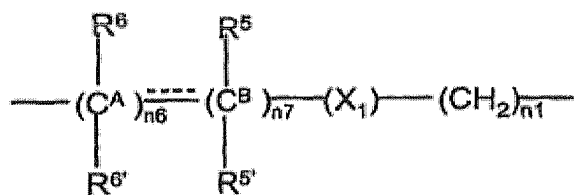
n_{10a} and n₁₁ are 0,

n₁₂ is 1,

R¹¹ is H;

wherein the -ONO₂ group is bound to the -(CH₂)_{n12}- group.

65. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 57 wherein Y is



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wherein:

n₁ is an integer from 1 to 20;

X₁ is -WC(O)- or a -C(O)W-, wherein W is oxygen, sulfur or NH.

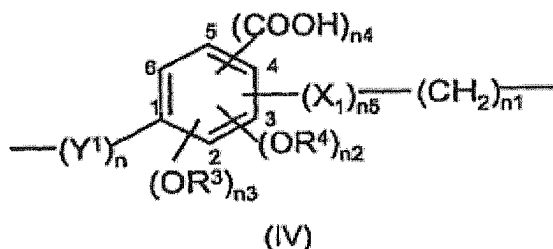
n₆ is an integer from 1 to 20,

n₇ is an integer from 0 to 20,

R⁵ and R^{5'} R⁶ and R^{6'} are independently selected from the group consisting of: H, CH₃, OH, NH₂, NHCOCH₃, COOH, CH₂SH and C(CH₃)₂SH;

when the bond between the C^A and C^B carbons is a double bond R⁵ and R⁶ or R^{6'} and R^{5'} are absent.

66. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 65 wherein n_1 is an integer from 1 to 10, n_6 and n_7 are 1; X_1 is $-WC(O)-$ wherein W is sulfur; R^5 , $R^{5'}$ and $R^{6'}$ are H, R^6 is $NHCOCH_3$; with the proviso that the $-ONO_2$ group is bound to the $-(CH_2)_{n_1}-$.
67. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 36 wherein s is 1, Z_1 is H and Z $-C(O)O-$.
68. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 67 wherein Y is a straight or branched C_1-C_{20} alkylene being optionally substituted with one or more of the substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atoms, hydroxy, $-ONO_2$ or T, wherein T is $-OC(O)(C_1-C_{10}alkyl)-ONO_2$, $-O(C_1-C_{10}alkyl)-ONO_2$.
69. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 68 wherein Y is a straight or branched C_3-C_6 alkylene.
70. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 67 wherein Y is



wherein

n is an integer from 0 to 20,

n1 is an integer from 1 to 20;

n2, n3, n4 and n5 are integers equal or different from each other, equal to 0 or 1;

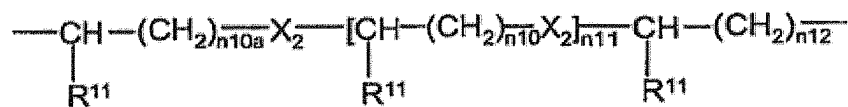
R³ and R⁴ are independently selected from H or CH₃;

Y¹ is -CH₂- or -(CH₂)_{na}-CH=CH- wherein na is an integer from 0 to 20;

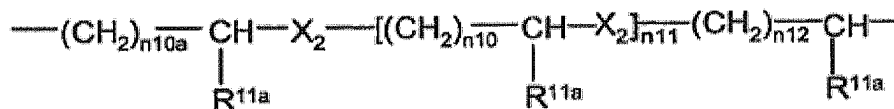
X₁ is -WC(O)- or -C(O)W-, wherein W is oxygen, sulfur or NH.

71. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 70 wherein
n2, n3, n4, n5 are equal to 0,
n1 is 1,
n is an integer from 0 to 10,
Y¹ is CH₂.
72. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 70 wherein
n, n2, n5 are 1, n3 and n4 are equal to 0,
n1 is an integer from 1 to 10,
Y¹ is -(CH₂)_{na}-CH=CH- wherein na is 0,
X₁ is -WC(O)- wherein W is oxygen and X₁ is bound to the phenyl ring through the [C]₄,
R⁴ is CH₃ and the group (OR⁴) is bound to the phenyl ring through the [C]₃.

73. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 67 wherein Y is



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wherein

X₂ is O or S,

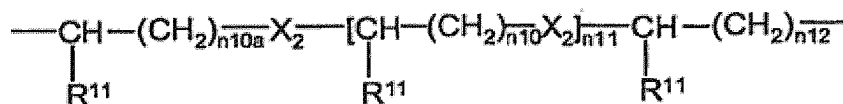
n10a, n10 and n12 are integers independently selected from 0 to 20;

n11 is an integer from 0 to 6;

R¹¹ is H, CH₃ or a nitrooxy group;

R^{11a} is CH₃ or a nitrooxy group.

74. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 73 wherein Y is



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wherein

X₂ is O or S,

n10a is 0 or 1,

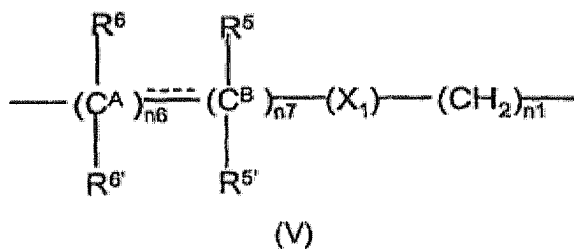
n11 is 0 or 1,

n_{12} is 1 or 2,

R^{11} is H;

wherein the $-\text{ONO}_2$ group is bound to the $-(\text{CH}_2)_{n_{12}}-$ group.

75. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 67 wherein Y is



wherein:

n_1 is an integer from 1 to 20;

X_1 is $-\text{WC}(\text{O})-$ or a $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{W}-$, wherein W is oxygen, sulfur or NH.

n_6 is an integer from 1 to 20,

n_7 is an integer from 0 to 20,

R^5 and $\text{R}^{5'}$, R^6 and $\text{R}^{6'}$ are independently selected from the group consisting of: H, CH_3 , OH, NH_2 , NHCOCH_3 , COOH , CH_2SH and $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{SH}$;

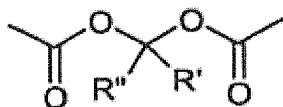
when the bond between the C^{A} and C^{B} carbons is a double bond R^5 and R^6 or $\text{R}^{6'}$ and $\text{R}^{5'}$ are absent.

76. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 75 wherein
- n_1 is an integer from 1 to 10,
- n_6 and n_7 are 1;
- X_1 is $-\text{WC}(\text{O})-$ wherein W is sulfur;
- R^5 , $\text{R}^{5'}$ and $\text{R}^{6'}$ are H,

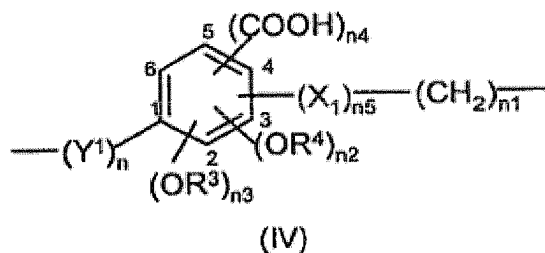
R^6 is NHCOCH_3 ;

with the proviso that the $-\text{ONO}_2$ group is bound to the $-(\text{CH}_2)_{n1}-$.

77. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claims 36 wherein s is 1, Z_1 is H and Z is



78. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 77 wherein Y is



wherein

n is an integer from 0 to 20,

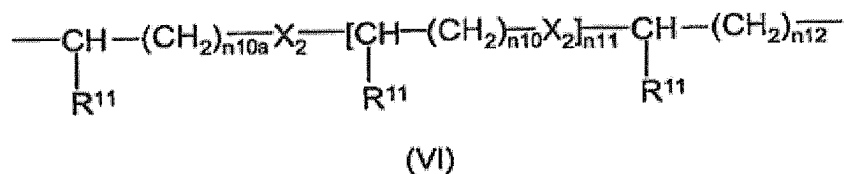
$n1$ is an integer from 1 to 20;

$n2$, $n3$, $n4$ and $n5$ are equal to 0;

Y^1 is $-\text{CH}_2-$;

79. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers; diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 78 wherein n is 0 and $n1$ is 1.

80. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 77 wherein Y is



wherein

X₂ is O or S,

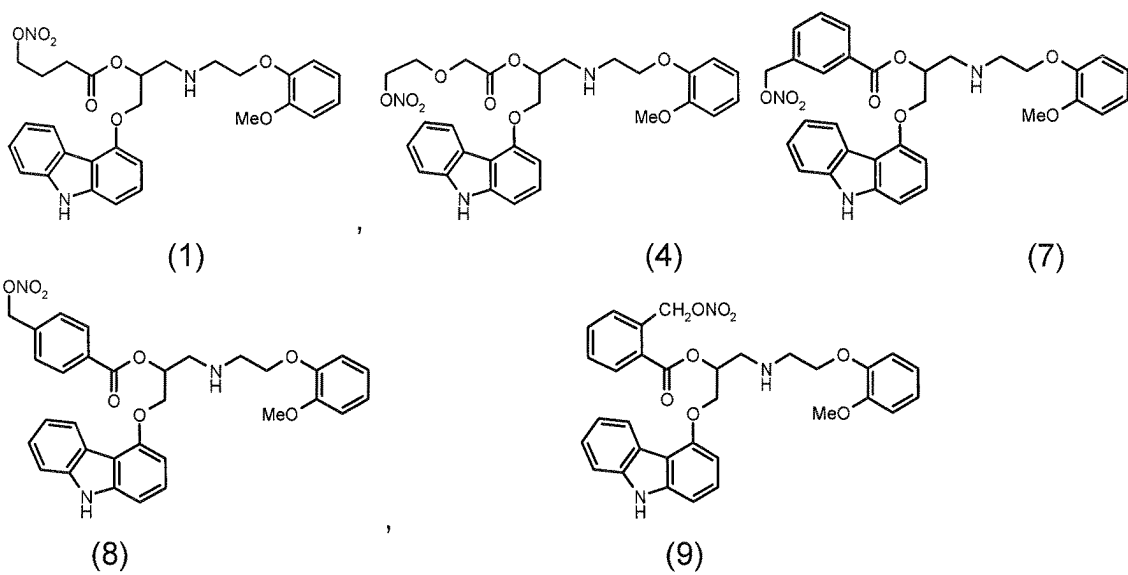
n_{10a} and n₁₁ are 0,

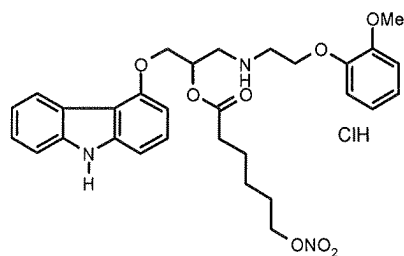
n₁₂ is 1,

R¹¹ is H;

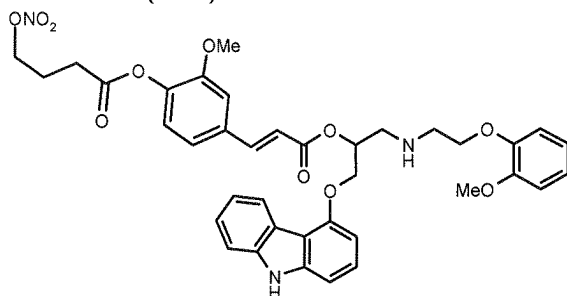
wherein the -ONO₂ group is bound to the -(CH₂)_{n12}- group.

81. (Currently Amended) Compounds and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to any one of claims 36 and 57 to 67 1, 58 or 59 wherein the compounds are:

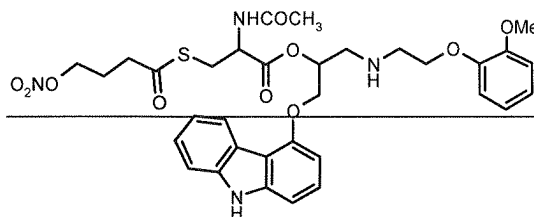




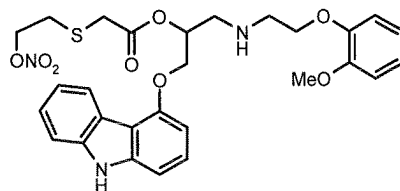
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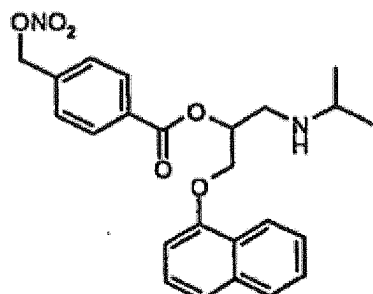


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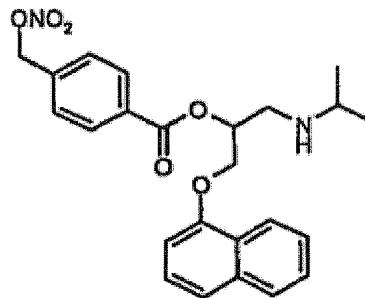


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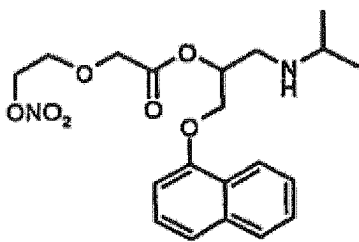
82. (Withdrawn) Compounds and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to any of claims 12 to 17 wherein the compounds are:



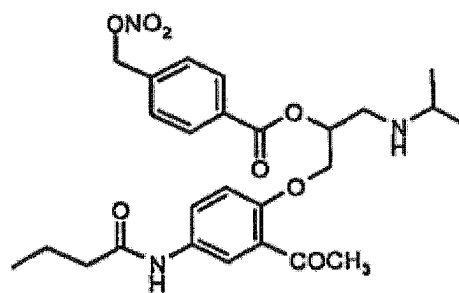
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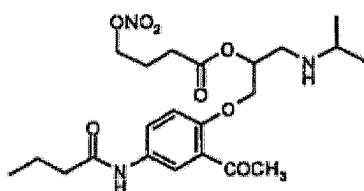
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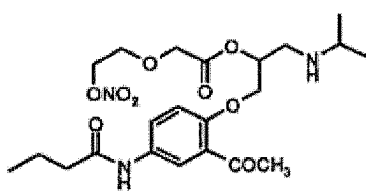
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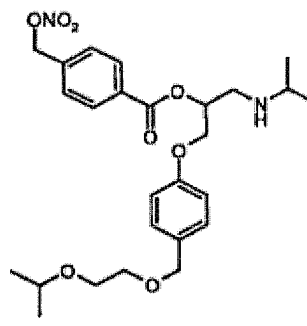
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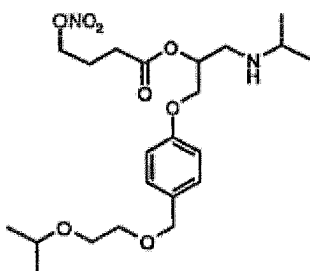
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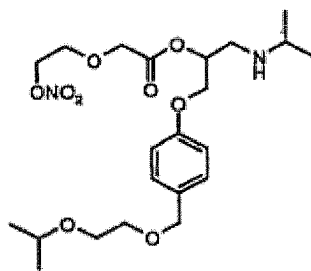
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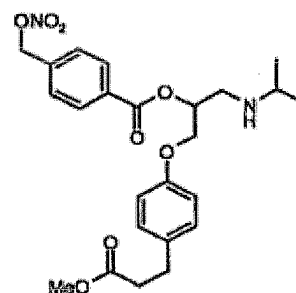
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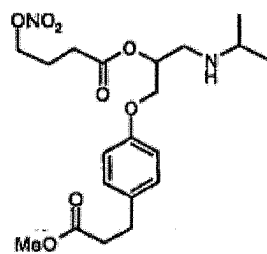
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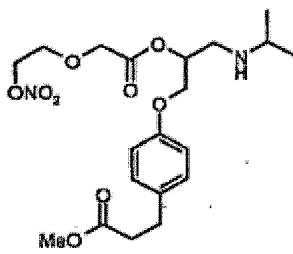
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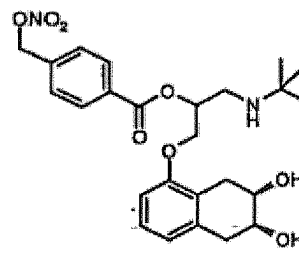
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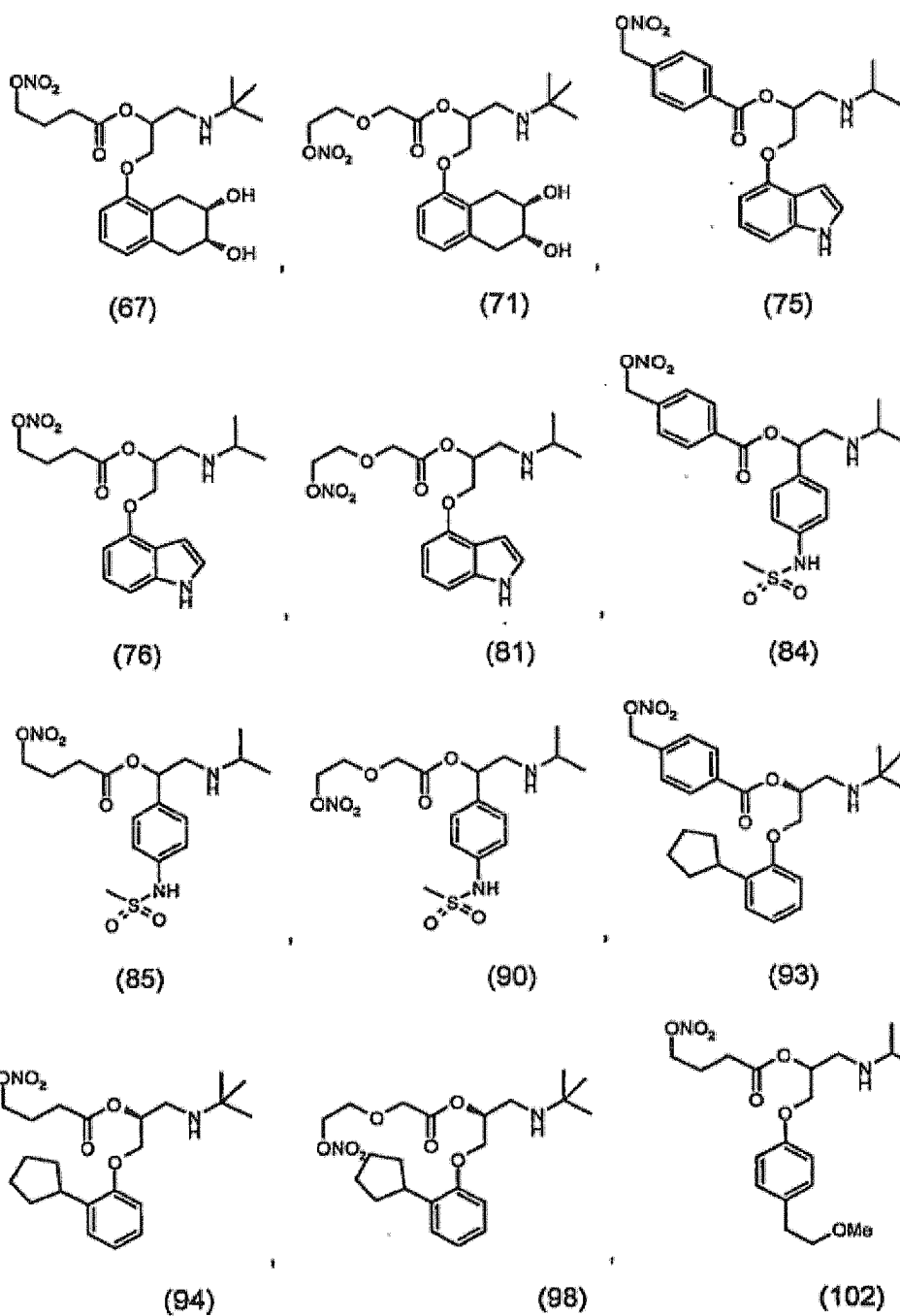
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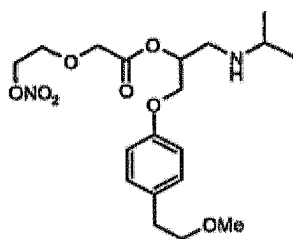


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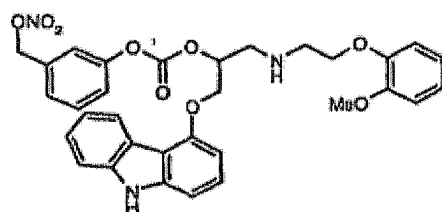
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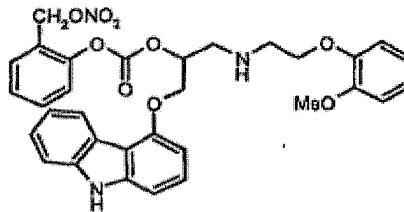


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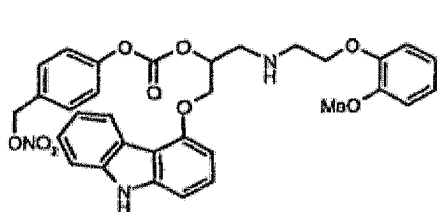
83. (Withdrawn) Compounds and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to any of claims 36 and 67 to 76 wherein the compounds are:



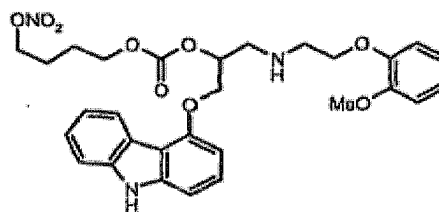
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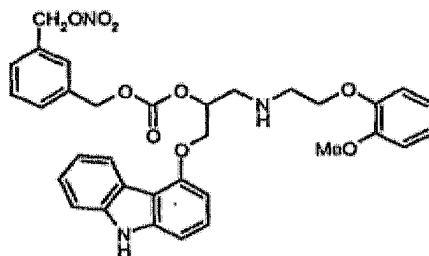
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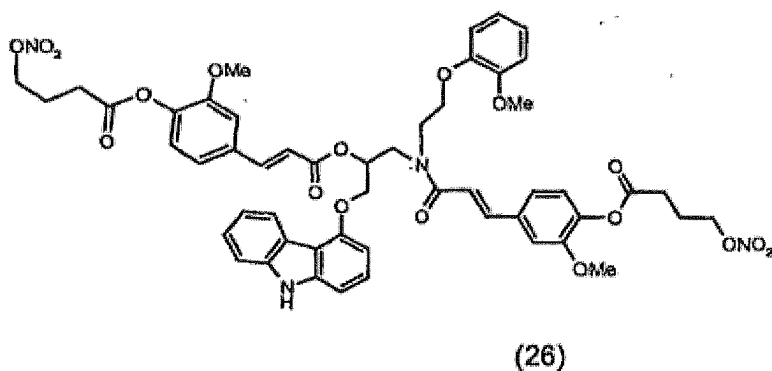
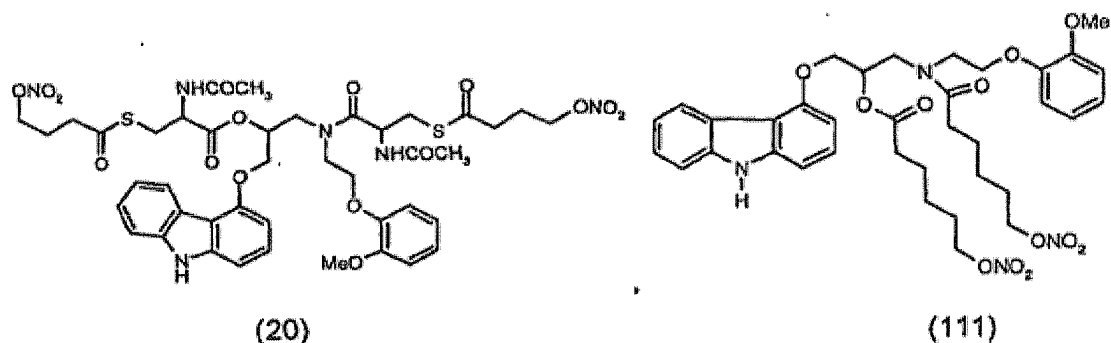
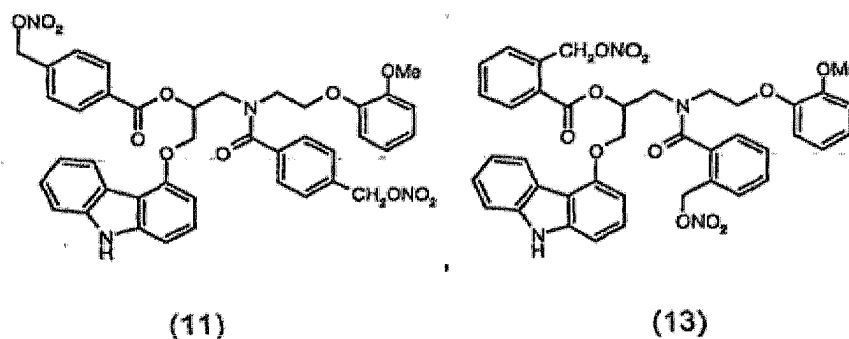
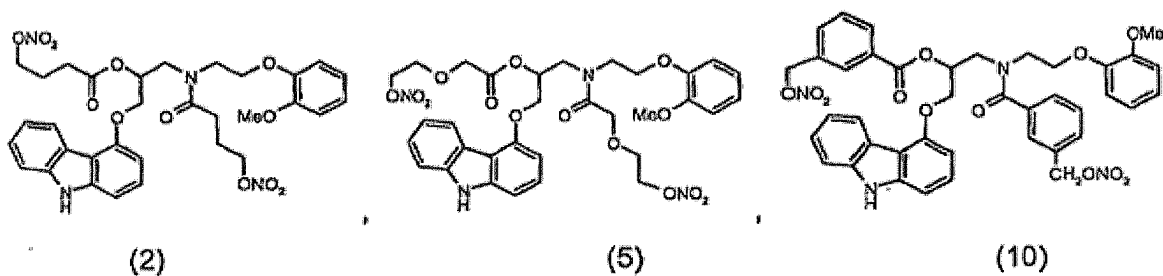


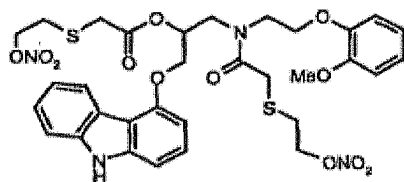
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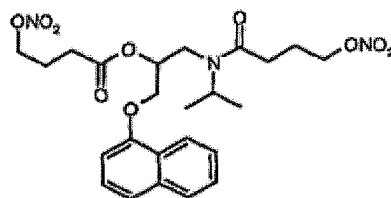
84. (Withdrawn) Compounds and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to any of claims 36 to 46 wherein the compounds are:



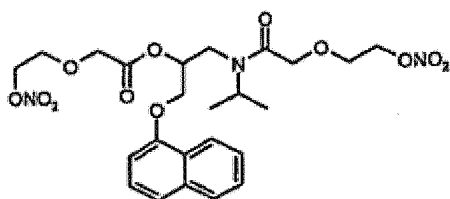


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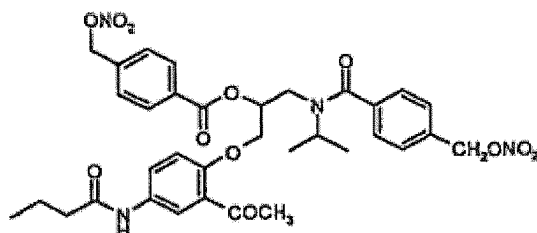
85. (Withdrawn) Compounds and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to any of claims 2 to 11 wherein the compounds are:



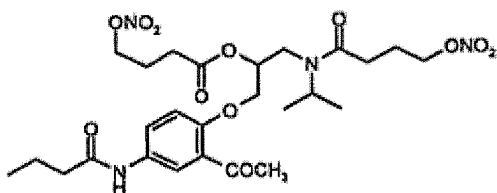
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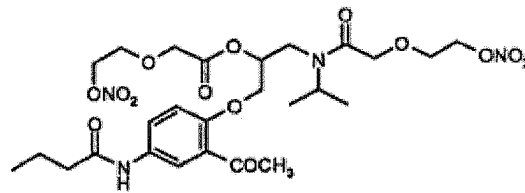
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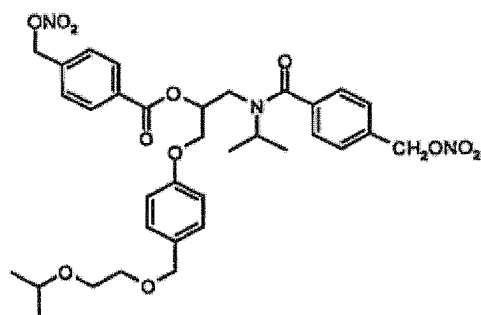
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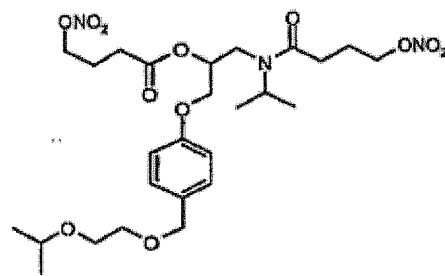
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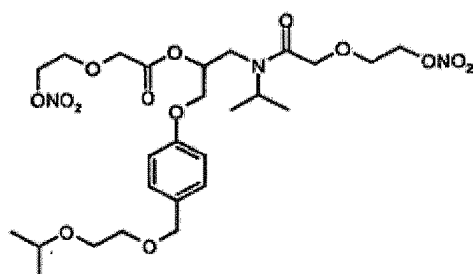
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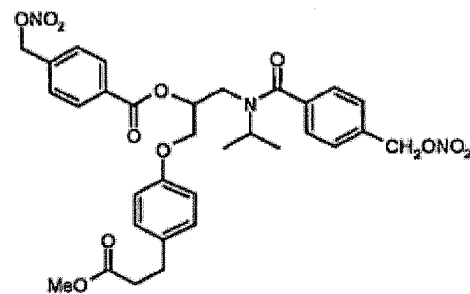
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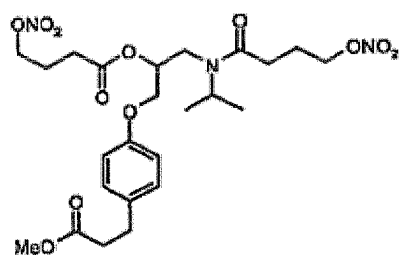
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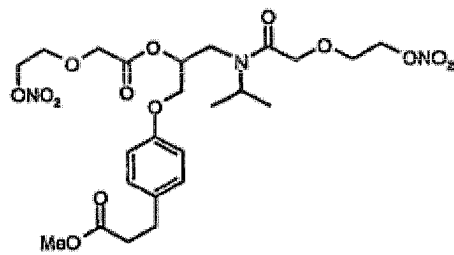
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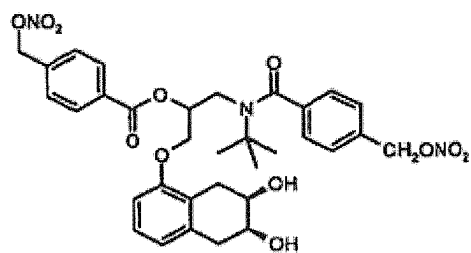
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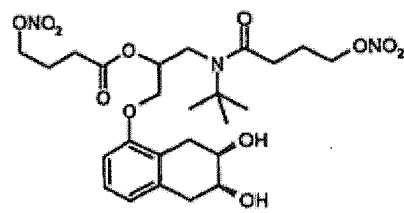
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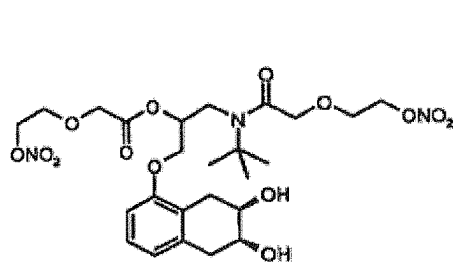
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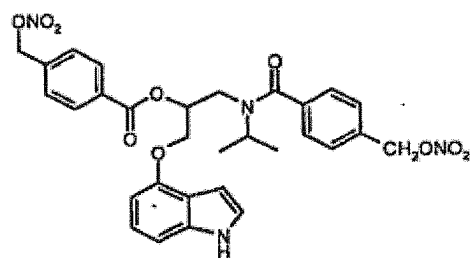
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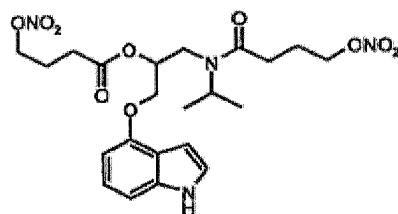
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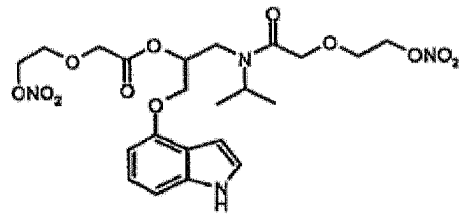
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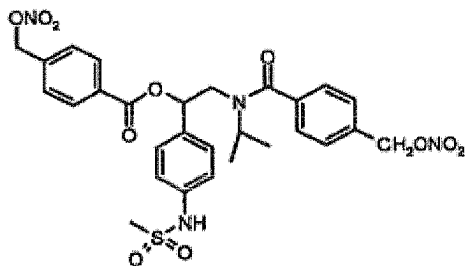
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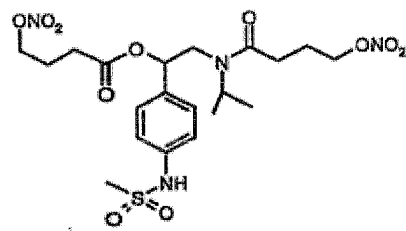
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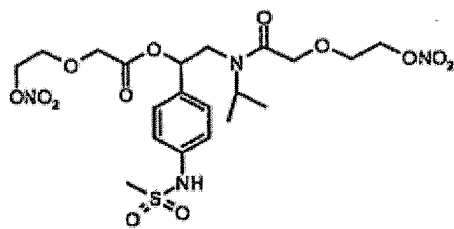
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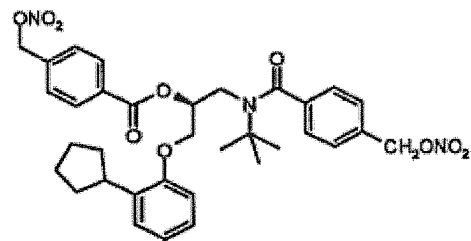
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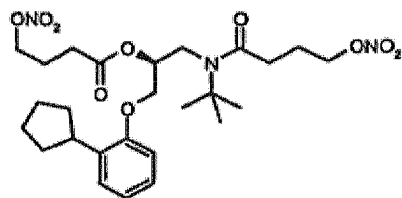
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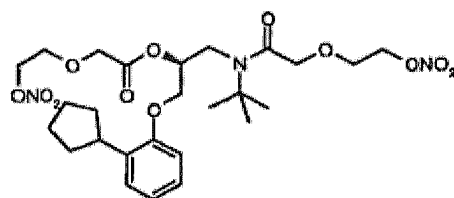
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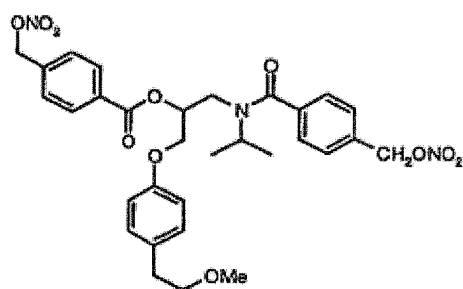
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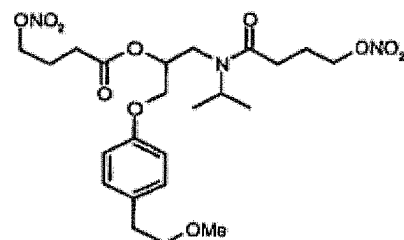
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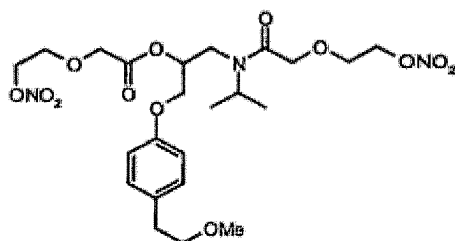
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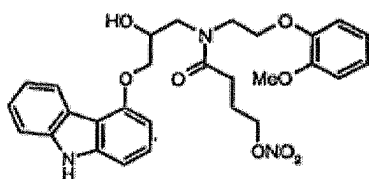


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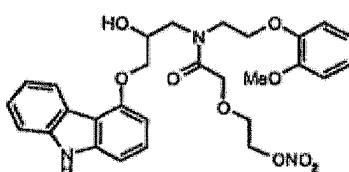


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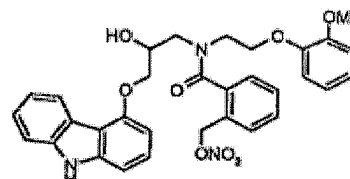
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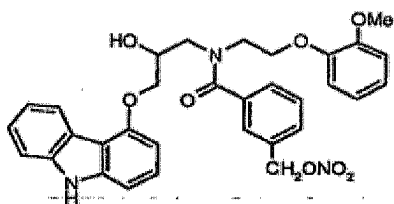
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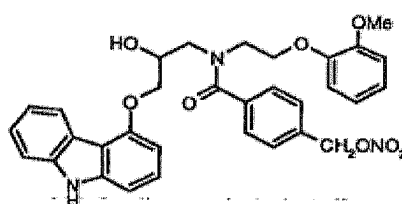
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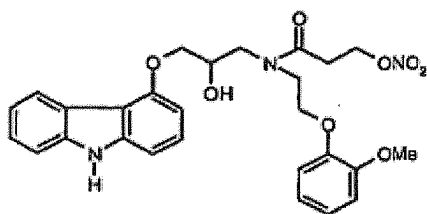
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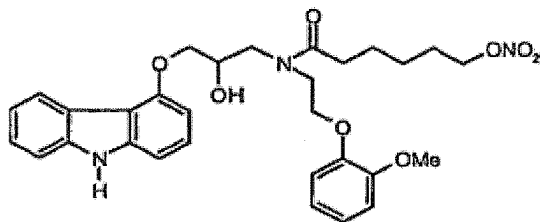
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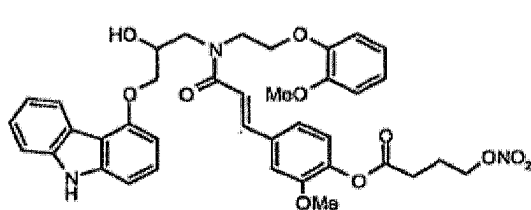
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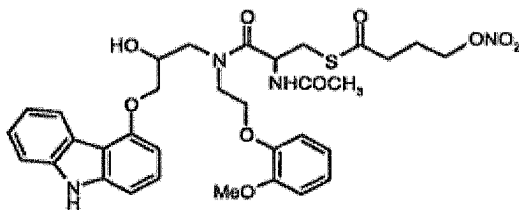
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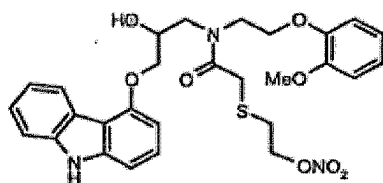
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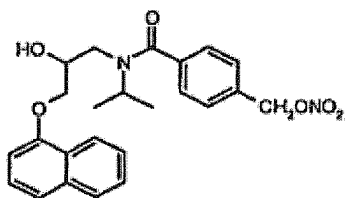


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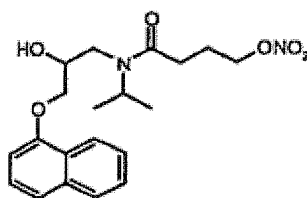


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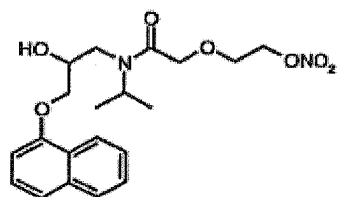
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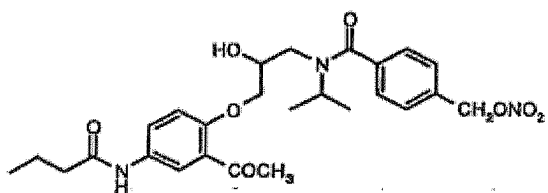
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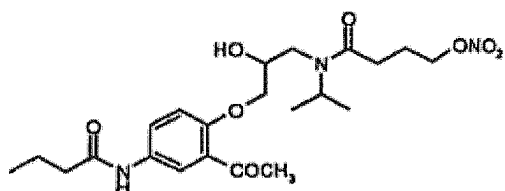
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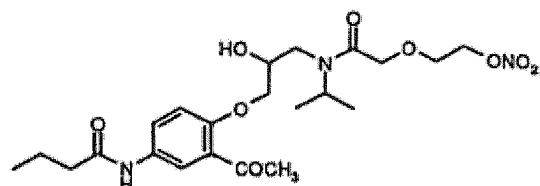
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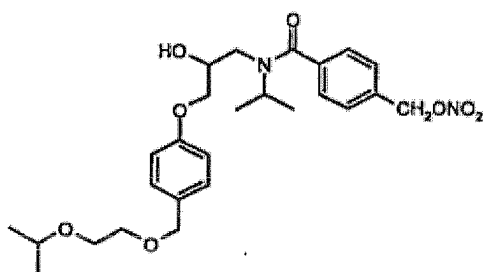
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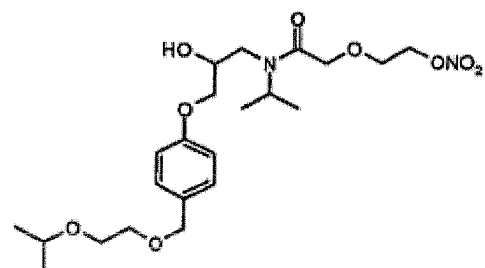
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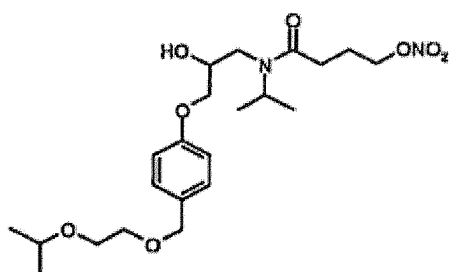
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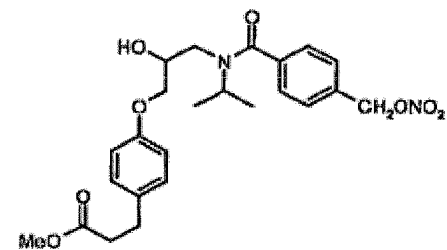
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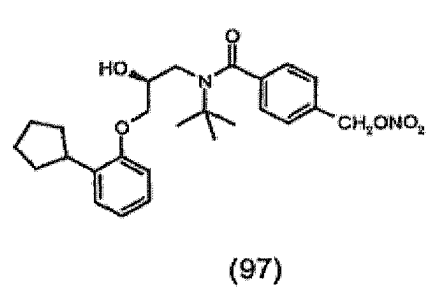
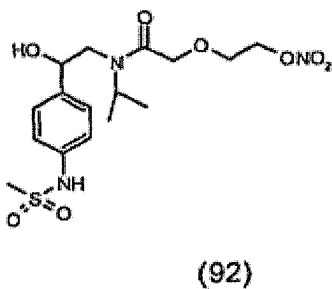
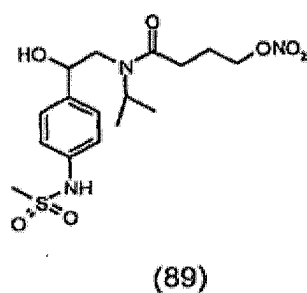
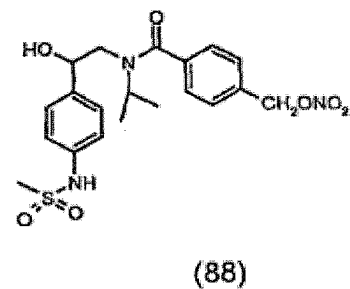
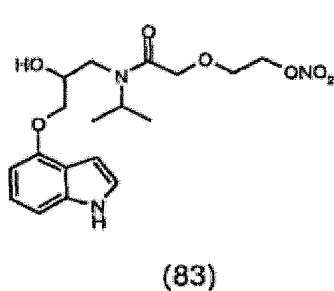
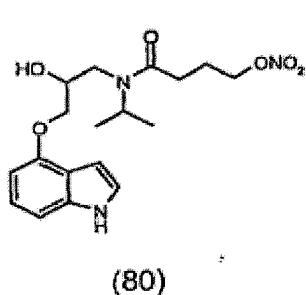
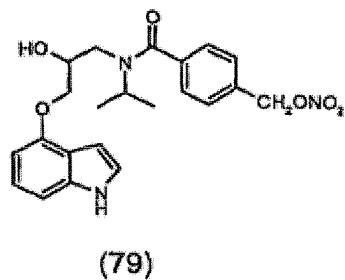
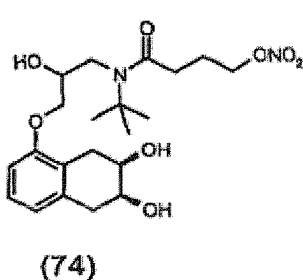
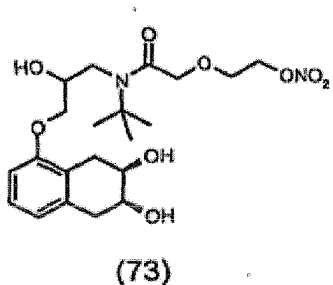
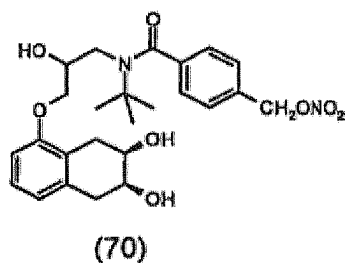
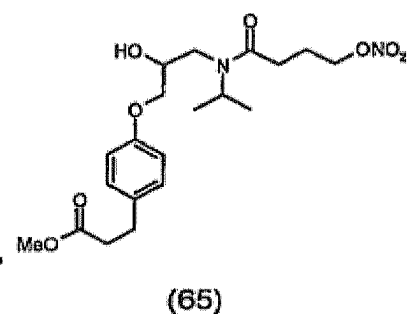
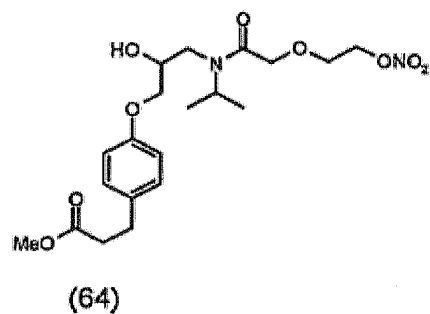
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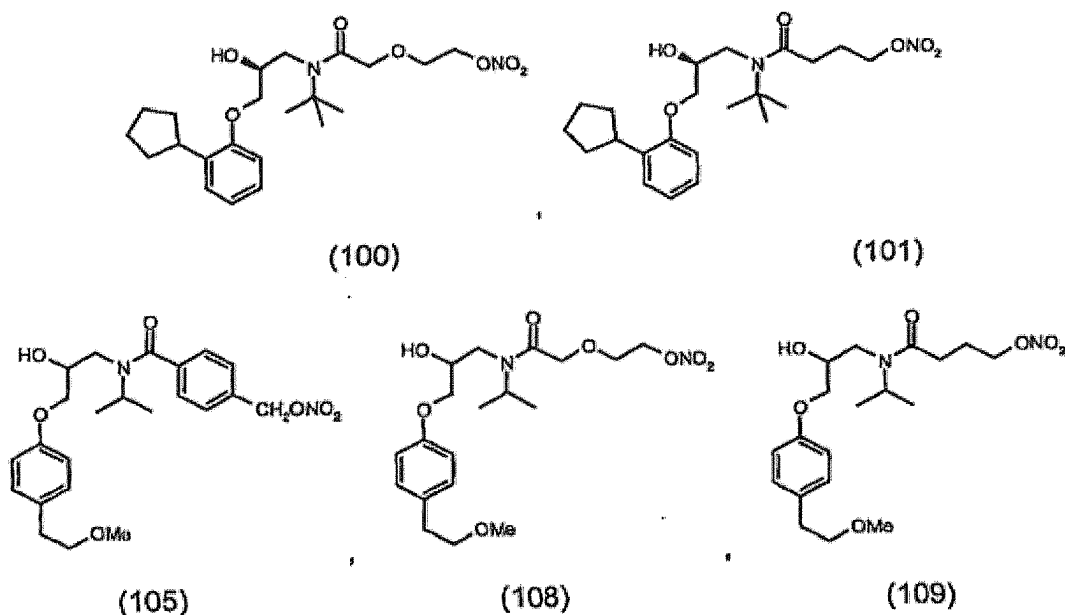


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88. (Currently Amended) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts according to ~~claims 36 and 47~~ claim 1, that is 4-(Nitrooxymethyl)benzoic acid 1-(9H-carbazol-4-yloxy)-3-[[2-(2-methoxyphenoxy) ethyl]amino]-2-propanoate.
89. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts according to claims 36 and 57, that is 4-(Nitrooxymethyl)benzoic acid 1-(9H-carbazol-4-yloxy)-3-[[2-(2-methoxyphenoxy)ethyl][(4nitrooxymethyl)benzoyl]amino]-2-propanoate.
90. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts according to claims 36 and 47, that is 1-(9H-carbazol-4-yloxy)-3-[[2-(2-methoxyphenoxy)ethyl][(4-nitrooxymethyl)-benzoyl]amino]-2-propanol.
91. (Currently Amended) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts according to any one of ~~claims 36 and 47~~ 1, 58

or 59, that is 6-(nitrooxy)hexanoic acid 1-(9H-carbazol-4-yloxy)-3-[[2-(2-methoxyphenoxy) ethyl]amino]-2-propanol hydrochloride.

92. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts according to claims 36 and 47, that is 6-(nitrooxy)hexanoic acid 1-(9H-carbazol-4-yloxy)-3-[[2-(2-methoxyphenoxy)ethyl]-[(6-nitrooxyhexano-yl)amino]-2-propanol.
93. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts according to claims 36 and 47, that is 1-(9H-carbazol-4-yloxy)-3-[[2-(2-methoxyphenoxy)ethyl][(6-nitrooxyhexanoyl)amino]-2-propanol.
94. (Withdrawn) A compound and the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts according to claims 36 and 47, that is 1-(9H-carbazol-4-yloxy)-3-[[2-(2-methoxyphenoxy)ethyl][(3-nitrooxypropanoyl)amino]-2-propanol.
95. (Withdrawn) A compound of formula (I) and/or the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof as defined in any of claims 1 to 94 for use as medicament.
96. (Withdrawn) Use of a compound of formula (I) and/or the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof as defined in any of claims 1 to 94 for preparing a drug that can be employed in the treatment or prophylaxis of hypertension, cardiovascular and vascular diseases.
97. (Withdrawn) Use of a compound of formula (I) and/or the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof as defined in any of claims 1 to 94 for preparing a drug that can be employed in the treatment of glaucoma and elevated intraocular pressure.

98. (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula (I) and/or the enantiomers, diastereoisomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof as defined in any of claims 1 to 94 and at least pharmaceutical acceptable carrier.